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New era for SHPA flagship

Responding to booming submissions and evolving reader habits, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA)'s flagship journal is ramping up to six publications a year and shifting wholly online, while a bold new publication is on the horizon.

Beginning with the February issue – which is now available online, free to SHPA members – the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research (JPPR) now dedicates more pages to original research and influential pharmacy practice content, expanding its place on the research frontline in medicines management, clinical therapeutics and pharmaceutical science.

SHPA CEO Kristin Michaels says the revamped JPPR is stronger placed to attract and publish top-flight research.

'Coming out bi-monthly online, the new-look JPPR will be more accessible and more responsive to changes in the pharmacy world, and will facilitate a renewed push to achieve MEDLINE/Web of Science indexation.

'Strategically recalibrating this essential publication reflects SHPA's commitment to supporting members, demonstrating that our profession is evidence-based.'

The February issue of JPPR includes several articles investigating the recent development of pharmacy services across the Asia-Pacific region, and how scientific analysis of these developments provide lessons for pharmacy practice everywhere.

In addition to the relaunched JPPR, Ms Michaels says a new SHPA publication is on the way

'This autumn we're excited to launch a bold new publication – a contemporary hybrid of scientific content and matters of practice, community, career and the Society – delivered quarterly to members' letterboxes and online.

'Our ever-expanding suite of publications affirms SHPA's role in inspiring and fostering innovative pharmacy practice, within and beyond hospital walls.'

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 4,000 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with a core base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other health service facilities.

SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core responsibility of pharmacists, especially in hospitals. SHPA supports pharmacists to meet medication and related service needs, so that both optimal health outcomes and economic objectives are achieved for Australians, as individuals, for the community as a whole and for healthcare facilities within our systems of healthcare.